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wrong. We have played with her, telling her stories, etc., with no effect. She takes an hour over her meal and usually heaves two or three times and sometimes ends in being sick."

6. " My little boy of 2;8 is a normal healthy child and very intelligent but has a terrible habit of retching and bringing up at meals when he has anything he doesn't like especially. I try to give him things he likes but it is very difficult as he has so many dislikes and one day he likes a thing and the next time he has it he won't/

7. "I have great difficulty with him (aged nearly 5) at meal times—dinner being the worst meal of the day. He never seems eager for food and at dinner time often flatly refuses to touch his food and sits at the table drawing pictures on the cloth with the forks and spoons. For the sake of peace and quiet I usually have to spoon-feed him myself talking to him all the time and trying to distract his attention while I am doing this."

8. " A. (4;0) and J. (a;6). Meal time is an absolute purgatory. They will both put a spoonful in their mouths and hold it there sometimes for ten minutes, without attempting to swallow it, and then only if we are standing over them continually reminding them to *be quick*. They will often take one and a half hours over their tea."

9. " My little D. developed the habit of sucking wool, blankets, clothes or anything she could get, while only a few months old. Now she is 2;6 and still sucks wool, dolls' clothes, bits of yarn, and even bits of fluff and dust off the carpets. I thought it would pass off when she had all her teeth, but such is not the case, and it is affecting her in a troublesome way. The hairs are irritating the bowel and causing bladder irritation and making her wet her cot at night very badly, after having been dry for many months. It has been a very great worry to me and nothing seems to help. She can get bits of fluff and wool in spite of our vigilance."

10. " Within the last month or two she has developed a

habit of violently sucking any wool she can get hold
of—chiefly
in bed or in the pram—r-but also at other times.
She stuffs her
coat or the blanket into her mouth voraciously,
and sucks and
sucks until she goes to sleep. She seems to
love the feel of
wool, and laughs and chuckles if one plays with
the blanket
over her face, or if one tucks it under her chin.
She will suck
the front of her nightgown until it is wringing wet
on her chest,
and this together with the fact that she swallows
little pieces
of wool, makes me feel that we must stop it in
some way/'
11. " My baby girl, now 15 months old has,
since she
started cutting her double teeth at about n
months, always